

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Levy on March 25, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Abstract:

a. Delete the last two lines (lines 9 and 10).

In the Claims:

b. Claim 1, line 14 (last line) after "otherwise rejecting said access" inserting --the first class of group labels has one or more subclasses, and wherein different types of accesses are defined depending on the subclass, and wherein also the subclass of the group label of the second node is determined. - -

c. Delete claim 2.

d. Claim 11, line 15 (last line) after "otherwise rejecting said access" inserting --the first class of group labels has one or more subclasses, and wherein different types of accesses are defined depending on the subclass, and wherein also the subclass of the group label of the second node is determined. - -

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1 and 3-11 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record, particularly Pouyoul et al. '893 does not disclose the applicant's invention as claimed in detail wherein the first class of group labels has one or more subclasses, and wherein different types of accesses are defined depending on the subclass, and wherein also the subclass of the group label of the second node is determined.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John B. Walsh whose telephone number is 571-272-7063. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on 571-272-3964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from

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